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From: Colleen S. Mitchell [colleenmitch@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 10:27 AM
To: Dunckel, Jeff, Erwin Mack
Subject: SS CAB Ped Safety Committee

Hi Jeff and Erwin,

One of my neighbors sits on the Citizen's Advisory Ped Safety Committee for downtown SS. He was asking if our group would be willing to hold a joint meeting at some point to discuss projects/concerns in that area. I did explain the charge of PTSAC (in terms of not handling specific intersections/locations) but he thought it would still be helpful.

Could this be discussed at the upcoming meeting (even though I won't be there)?

Two other items:

1. I sent an email back to Khursheed Bilgrami (KB) about improvements to Spring Street at 1st Ave. It sounds like the County is planning to install curb extensions at one crossing which is terrific. However, this is a perfect example of a 'bandaid' improvement without looking at the whole street and developing a comprehensive solution. I have not received a response from him regarding my request for other treatments that will be more successful in improving ped safety. I do think this is a topic for the committee in general terms – making spot improvements that miss larger opportunities (similar to ramps/domes installed at 2nd and Fenwick last year).

2. At the regional TPB this week they reported on the street smart campaign and showed the great media coverage (featuring Jeff!). I noticed in the tv report that the construction barriers were up on the sidewalk at Colesville and Georgia even then – that was over a MONTH ago. I would argue that this is the busiest intersection in downtown Silver Spring for pedestrians and to have one entire leg of the intersection inaccessible to pedestrians is really unacceptable. What are they doing to the sidewalk there and why is it taking so long? In many cities now it is written into zoning that ped access must be maintained even during construction.

(no, no baby yet!)

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Colleen:

As we discussed on the phone a few minutes ago, maybe it would be good to hold a joint PTSAC/SS CAB Ped Safety Committee meeting in Silver Spring to discuss pedestrian safety issues inside the beltway and east of Rock Creek Park.

Topics might include Dale Drive and Piney Branch Road (and what the issues on these roads suggest about road design and pedestrian safety more generally), snow/debris removal from shoulders/sidewalks/multiuse paths, etc.

Darien recently organized a big ped safety meeting with representatives from SHA, MCDOT, etc., so maybe we could stand to wait a few months on something like this, but I wanted to run it up the flagpole.

I am copying Darien to see what he thinks –

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